

IS: Infinite Stratos

Chapter 26

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ALRIGHT
THEN,

WE WILL
DIVIDE INTO
GROUPS
TO CONDUCT
TESTING
ON THE IS
EQUIPMENT.

Chapter 26: Thin Red Line (I)



SHINO-
NONO.

COME
OVER
HERE
FOR A
MOMENT.

THOSE WITH
PERSONAL
UNITS WILL
TEST THEIR
DEDICATED
PARTS.

EVERYONE
HURRY
IT UP.



AS OF
TODAY,
YOUR
PERSONAL-

...YES.



I wanted
to see you,
Chi-chan!

Hihi!



CHI-
CHAN
NNNN
~~~!

...TABANE.



YOU'RE  
ANNOYING,  
TABANE.

Urr-  
rrah

That iron  
claw is as  
merciless  
as ever,  
huh?



Now  
let's have  
a hug!  
A confir-  
mation of  
our lo-





EH?  
TRUE...

I GUESS  
THAT'S  
RIGHT...



Hm?

That's  
quite the  
odd thing  
to say.

If that's the  
case, the top  
authority on  
the IS is none  
other than  
myself.



LM  
...

THIS  
TRAINING  
CAMP IS FOR  
AUTHORISED-  
...



Hello.  
I'm  
Tabane  
the  
Genius!  
That's all.

Eh, that's  
such a  
bother-

HEY,  
TABANE.

MY STUDENTS  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT'S  
GOING ON.  
INTRODUCE  
YOURSELF.



YOU'RE  
IRRITATING,  
SHUT IT.

And "this  
one" over  
here is  
awful.  
Can you  
call me the  
lovely  
Tabane?

tee  
hee-

SIGH  
...

STOP  
MOVING  
YOUR  
HANDS.  
IGNORE  
THIS ONE,  
WE'LL  
CONTINUE  
TESTING.

YOU  
COULDN'T  
BE MORE  
DIRECT  
ABOUT IT.



W-

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!

KYAAAAA !?

TABANE IS REALLY JEALOUS!

SO SHE WAS SEDUCED BY THIS BIG BREASTED DEVIL~

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?

AH, UM...

OH, THIS IS THE ONE I SAID TO IGNORE EARLIER.

I'LL LEAVE EACH GROUP'S SUPPORT TO YOU.

Tch, you're so kind, Chi-chan.



SO,

WHAT ABOUT THE THING I ASKED FOR...?

IF IT'S BOOBS, YOU'RE GOOD.

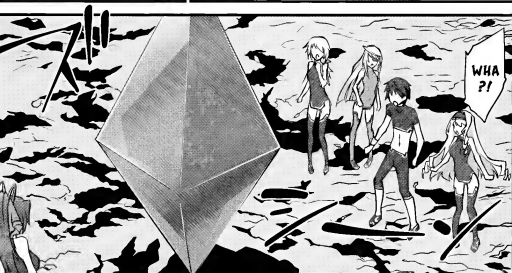


EHH, THIS IS NOT GOOD, NOT GOOD!

DIE.



Chi-chan, you pervert.





All of the  
specs exceed  
present IS  
units. It's  
handmade By  
Tabane her-  
self!

This is  
Houki-  
chan's  
personal  
unit, the  
"Akatsubaki"!

Ta-da!

## 第二十六話

### その境界線の上に立ち①



IN OTHER WORDS,  
ITS PERFORMANCE  
IS TOP OF THE  
LINE?

EVERY SPEC  
EXCEEDS  
CURRENT IS  
UNITS...

TABANE-SAN  
SAID SOME-  
THING THAT  
OUTRAGEOUS  
WITHOUT  
HESITATING  
BUT...



THIS  
IS IS  
FOR  
ME!

FINALLY,

MY SISTER  
MADE ME A  
STATE OF  
THE ART  
UNIT...



So  
Houki,  
shall we  
begin the  
personaliza-  
tion and  
fitting?



...I'M  
LEAVING  
IT TO  
YOU.



LET'S  
HURRY  
AND  
BEGIN.

Real  
sisters  
would be  
calling out  
'Hey, catch!'.  
So  
stuffy!



All of  
Houki's prior  
information  
is already  
uploaded.

All that's  
left is  
to update  
to the  
newest  
data.

Mm,  
you're  
right.

Shall  
we  
start?

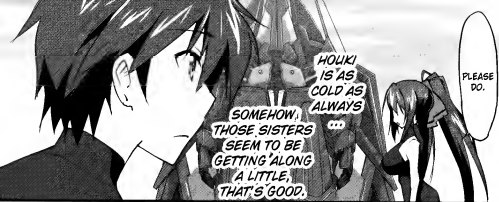


I'm  
tailoring  
it as a  
close  
quarters  
type.  
I think  
you'll  
adjust  
quickly.

All that's  
left is the  
automatic  
support  
equipment.

Your  
sister  
will  
take  
care  
of it!

Okay  
then, a  
beep, a  
dickety-  
clack~.



HOUKI  
IS AS  
COLD AS  
ALWAYS

SOMEHOW,  
THOSE SISTERS  
SEEM TO BE  
GETTING ALONG  
A LITTLE,  
THAT'S GOOD.

PLEASE  
DO.



IT  
REALLY WAS  
INEVITABLE  
THAT SHE  
WOULD HAVE  
TO TRANSFER  
SCHOOLS  
AFTER  
TABANE  
REVEALED  
THE IS.

THAT,  
ALONG WITH  
TABANE'S  
FLIPPANT  
PERSONALITY,  
IS WHY  
HOUKI  
DISLIKES  
HER.



IS SHE  
GRADUALLY  
LETTING  
THAT GO?

...BUT  
THAT WAS  
HOW MANY  
YEARS  
AGO?



Okay,  
fitting's  
done~  
Extra  
quick too,  
exactly  
what you'd  
expect  
from me~.

Heh heh,  
I was  
ignored.

.....

Houki-  
chan, your  
swordsmanship  
has improved.  
If I look,  
I can tell  
from your  
muscle  
tone.

Mmm,  
hmm  
hmm

Well, well,  
your sister  
does have  
a nose for  
these  
things.



YEAH,  
YOU  
THINK?  
IT'S  
TOTALLY  
UNFAIR.

THAT PERSONAL  
UNIT IS FOR  
SHINONONO...?  
IT'S ONLY  
BECAUSE  
THEY'RE  
RELATED.



I'M  
CURIOUS  
ABOUT  
SOME-  
THING.

AH, II-KUN.  
LET ME  
SEE THE  
BYAKUSHI-  
KI.

ALL THAT  
REMAINS ARE  
FOR THE A  
UTOMATIC  
PROCESSING  
AND THE  
PERSONALISA-  
TION WILL BE  
FINISHED.



OH?

YOU  
HAVEN'T  
STUDIED UP  
ON YOUR  
HISTORY?

SINCE THE  
BEGINNING,  
HAS THERE  
BEEN A TIME  
WHEN THE  
WORLD WAS  
FAIR?





IT'S A  
PATTERN  
I HAVEN'T  
SEEN  
BEFORE.

IS IT  
BECAUSE  
II-KUN  
ISN'T A  
FEMALE?

IT'S  
CREATING  
AN UNUSUAL  
FRAGMENT  
MAP...

BUT  
WHAT  
IS IT?

HM.



I DON'T  
HAVE A  
CLUE  
EITHER.

IF I  
DISASSEMBLE  
THE NANO  
UNITS, I'D  
KNOW, BUT IS  
DOING THAT  
OKAY?

Grin

♡  
♡  
♡

HMM?  
HM, WHO  
KNOWS.



TABANE-  
SAN.

I DON'T GET  
IT, BUT WHY  
CAN A GUY  
LIKE ME USE  
THE IS?



THE IS  
UNITS  
WERE MADE  
TO SELF-  
ACTIVATE IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE.

...AND  
THAT'S  
JUST HOW  
IT IS,  
AHAAAA.

MMM,  
WHETHER WE  
KNOW OR  
WHETHER WE  
DON'T, IT'S  
ALL GOOD  
RIGHT?

WHETHER  
THAT'S  
ALRIGHT  
OR NOT  
HUM...?

Nyahaha.

I think  
so?

ACTUALLY,  
I GOT A  
HOLD OF THE  
DEFECTIVE  
UNIT AND  
MADE IT  
WHERE IT  
COULD MOVE.

INDEED.

...  
EH?!

YOU  
MADE THE  
BYAKUSHIKI  
THAT WAY?

BY  
THE WAY,  
WHY CAN'T  
IT EQUIP  
AUXILIARY  
EQUIPMENT?

data  
reading...

THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
I MADE  
IT.

Sigh...  
Chi-chan's  
expressions  
of love are  
extreme  
now.

Oww  
...

SHUT  
IT.

It's super  
convenient-  
yeah!

But thanks  
to that, you  
can use your  
One-off  
Ability in your  
first phase,  
right?

YOU  
IDIOT.

And...  
oh yeah  
It was  
developed  
in Japan  
like this  
to begin  
with.

DON'T  
DISCLOSE  
SECRET  
INFORMATION  
SO CARE-  
LESSLY!



HMP  
AND JUST  
WHO ARE  
YOU?



AH-  
EXCUSE  
ME!  
I'VE  
HEARD OF  
YOU FOR  
SOME TIME,  
DR. SHINO-  
NONO.



IF IT WOULD  
BE ALRIGHT,  
COULD YOU  
HAVE A LOOK  
AT MY IS?



EH?  
Ah...

WHO ARE  
YOU ANY-  
WAYS?

IT'S THAT  
SORT OF  
SCENE.

WHAT'S THE  
MEANING OF  
COMING  
UNINVITED  
TO CRASH  
THINGS?  
YOU HAVE NO  
APPRECIATION  
FOR IT.

I DON'T  
KNOW  
SOME  
BLONDIE.

RIGHT  
NOW I'M IN  
A REUNION  
WITH  
HOUKI-CHAN,  
CHI-CHAN,  
AND II-KUN  
AFTER ALL  
THESE  
YEARS.







HOW  
IS IT  
GOING?

IS  
THE  
UNIT  
MOVING  
WITH YOUR  
THOUGHTS?

YEAH,

WELL  
...



THE SWORD CUT ALSO EMITS A BAND OF ENERGY. IT CAN AUTOMATICALLY EXTEND IT'S RANGE. IT'S SUPER USEFUL!

NEXT IS "KARAWARE". THIS ONE IS A WEAPON FOR GROUPS.

DO IT CONTINUOUSLY AND THE ENEMY WILL END UP LIKE SWISS CHEESE! IT'S THAT KIND OF WEAPON~

THE SWING IS COMBINED WITH ENERGY EMITTED FROM THE BLADE.

AND NOW FOR TABANE'S KIND AND THOUGHTFUL EXPLANATION~

"AMATSUKI" IS A WEAPON FOR ONE-ON-ONE.

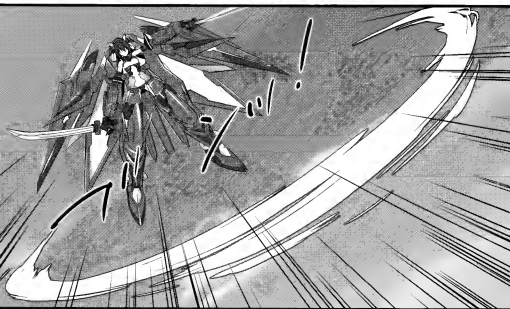


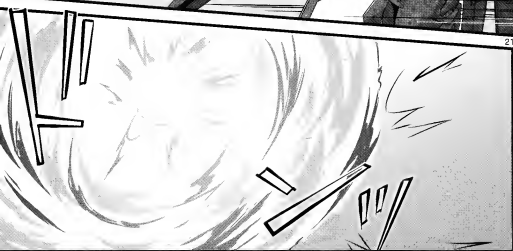
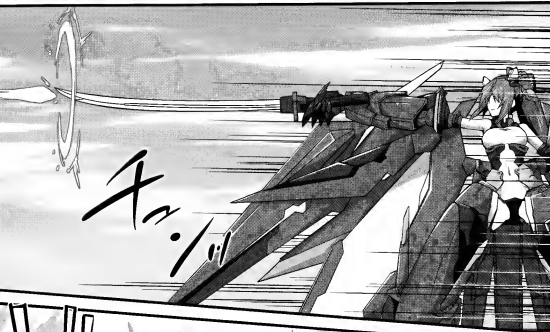
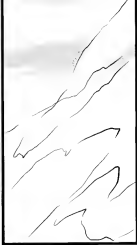
OKAY THEN, LET'S SEE YOU SHOOT THESE DOWN! HERE WE GO!



HOUKI!

A 16-POD MISSILE LAUNCHER! ARE THEY LIVE FIRE?!







I'M  
WITH THE  
STRONGEST  
IS, THE  
AKATSUBAKI!

WITH  
THIS  
UNIT,  
I CAN'T  
LOSE...



Well done,  
Houki-chan

AMAZING  
...



CHIFUYU-  
NEE...?

WHY'S  
SHE MAKING  
THAT FACE?

IT'S LIKE  
SHE'S  
LOOKING AT  
AN ENEMY  
IN FRONT  
OF HER...



O-O-  
ORIMURA-  
SENSEI!

IT'S AN  
EMER-  
GENCY!



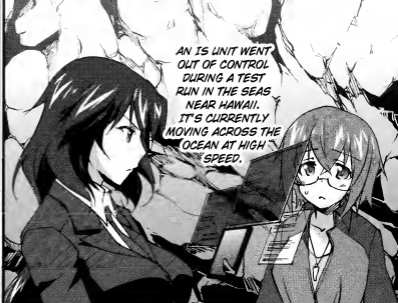
WHAT'S  
THE  
MATTER?

TH-THIS  
IS-!



DAMNED  
TABANE

...



AN IS UNIT WENT  
OUT OF CONTROL  
DURING A TEST  
RUN IN THE SEAS  
NEAR HAWAII.  
IT'S CURRENTLY  
MOVING ACROSS THE  
OCEAN AT HIGH  
SPEED.



I TOTALLY  
DON'T UNDER-  
STAND THE  
SITUATION,  
HOWEVER...

EH?  
SUS-  
SENDED?  
WHY?

GET GOING!  
ANYONE  
WHO LEAVES  
THEIR ROOM  
WITHOUT  
PERMISSION  
WILL BE  
DETAINED!

GOT  
IT?!

Y-YES  
MA'AM!



EACH  
GROUP IS  
TO TAKE  
THE IS  
UNITS  
AND  
RETURN  
TO THE  
RESORT.  
REMAIN  
IN YOUR  
ROOMS  
ON  
STANDBY.

TODAY'S  
TESTING  
IS SUS-  
PENDED.

EVERYONE AT  
ATTENTION!

THAT'S  
ALL.



EVERYONE  
WITH A  
PERSONAL  
UNIT,  
GATHER  
UP!



OKAY!



YOU TOO,  
SHINO-  
NONO.



CHIFUYU-NEE  
IS MAKING  
SUCH A GRIM  
FACE...

ONLY  
THOSE WITH  
PERSONAL  
UNITS WERE  
ROUNDED UP.  
I'M  
ANXIOUS...



HOUKI HAS A  
PERSONAL  
UNIT ALSO.  
SHE SEEMS  
A BIT TOO  
FIRED UP.  
IS SHE  
GOING TO BE  
ALRIGHT...?



WHY  
DO I  
FEEL  
SO  
UNEASY  
...?



to be continued....

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING  
THIS VOLUME! IT WAS ALL  
OF THE HEROINES' TURN TO  
BE CUTE AT THE SEASIDE  
ACADEMY, AND I HAD A GOOD  
TIME DRAWING IT.

